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Timely Tidbits ...

Softball Tournament

The Romulus Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for its ninth annual Stars & Stripes Softball Tournament, which will take place at Elmer Johnson Park during the City's Hometown Celebration on Sunday, July 4.

The tournament is open to the first eight teams to register and pay the \$125 entry fee. For more information, or to register, contact Keith Brothers at the Recreation Department (734-942-6852) or call Mike Dembicki (248-542-2189) or Ken Rudolph (810-778-5359).

For a full schedule of Hometown Celebration activities, plus a list of fireworks sponsors, please see pages 6 and 7.

Basketball Camp

Boys and girls of middle- and high-school age are invited to sign up for the upcoming John Long Basketball Camp, to be held in the Romulus High School gymnasium. Girls will attend a program set for July 5–7 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day); the boys' program is set for July 8–10 (same times). Cost is \$60 for Romulus students; \$65 for non-Romulus students (report card or school ID required).

For further information, call 734-941-2170, ext. 107 or 191.

Baking Contest

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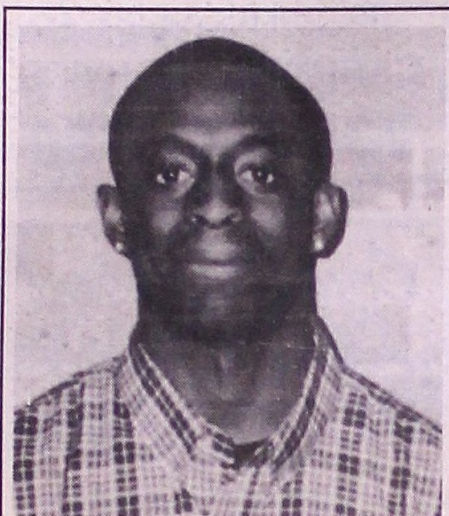
The contest is just one of an enormous variety of events, entertainment, and activities that have been planned for the five-day festival, set for Wednesday, June 30, through Sunday, July 4.

Entries must be registered at the festival between 3 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 3; judging will begin at 5 p.m. the same day.

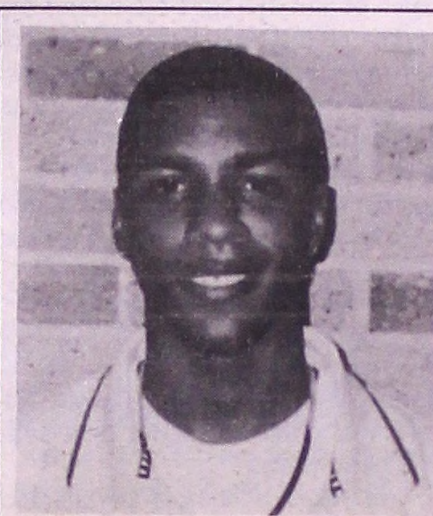
To obtain contest rules and/or an entry form, contact the Sumpster Township Parks & Recreation Department (734-461-6201).

For a complete schedule of events, please see page 13.

Track Team Is Second in State



Carleton McCauley



Ashley Terry

"Never before has a Romulus High School team performed so well at the State's Division II track & field finals," said Assistant Coach Carl Lowe of his team's recent second-place finish. "These young men really gave their all,

and nearly came away State champs."

Indeed, the team members' outstanding efforts left them only three points shy (45–42) of the victory eventually secured by Corunna High School.

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RHS Honors Top Two Students

With four-year grade-point averages of 4.049 and 3.961, respectively, valedictorian Mamie Kesner and salutatorian Nicole McKinney were recognized for their outstanding achievements during the Class of 1999's commencement ceremony, held Saturday, June 12, in the Romulus High School Field House.

Both students were involved in a wide variety of activities during their high-school careers.

Kesner – recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* – was a member of the National Honor Society, president of her class during her junior year, a member of the Senior Prom Committee, and a Mega League representative. She attended the annual Girls State program in 1998, worked on the yearbook staff for two years, participated in four different community-service symposia, and did volun-

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Salutatorian Nicole McKinney (left) and valedictorian Mamie Kesner.

Voters Choose Billy McCraight



Billy McCraight

"I'd like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who gave me their support in this campaign," stated a jubilant Billy McCraight after learning of his victory in the Romulus Board of Education election held Monday, June 14.

McCraight, who garnered a total of 502 votes, defeated opponents Edward Thomas (194) and Tony Heimberger (68) for the seat.

Although only 771 votes were cast, City Elections Clerk Rendell Wooden said that the dismal turnout was not the worst in recent Romulus history, citing the Board election of four years ago, when 331 voters came out to cast their ballot for incumbent Howard Kesner, who was running unopposed.

McCraight, who will attend his first meeting July 12, has already begun preparing for the issues that he deems most important:

- negotiating a teacher contract;
- investigating possible replacements for Dr. William M. Bedell, the district's superintendent, who will probably retire no later than June 30, 2000; and
- arranging to have School Board meetings televised.

"A teacher contract is my number-one priority," said McCraight. "I would also like to see the Board evaluate the idea of moving its meetings to a more technologically accessible location, such as the High School, so that they could be aired on cable TV." □

RHS Honors Top Two Students

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teer tutoring. Her musical career featured two years as first-chair clarinetist in both the Middle School and High School symphonic bands, the jazz band, and the marching band; first-division ratings at various solo and ensemble festivals; and selection to the Eastern Michigan Winds and Percussion Clinic. She also served as the marching band's co-drum major in 1998; played a supporting role in the High School's production of *Pippin*; and worked as a summer music assistant for the High School's band director, Henry James.

Kesner plans to study music education at the University of Dayton, for which she has received over \$30,000 in scholarships and awards.

McKinney – also a member of the National Honor Society – was active in track, cheerleading, Circle of Friends, and Students Against Abusive Substances. Her academic achievements were recognized with a total of 12 awards at the Class of 1999's Awards Night ceremony. McKinney's musical experience included performing in both the Middle School and High School symphonic bands, the jazz band, and the marching band, of which she was co-drum major in 1998. Among the biggest highlights of her high-school career was her participation in the French Club's trip to France in the spring of 1999.

With \$27,500 in scholarships and awards, McKinney will attend Oakland University. □

Track Team Is Second in State

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Not one to dwell on mistakes, Lowe quickly skipped over the dropped baton that cost the Eagles a win in the 4x100-meter relay, and focused, instead, on the meet's many positive aspects, which included:

- senior Carleton McCauley's first-place finish in the 110-meter high hurdles event, with a time of 14.83 seconds;
- junior Ashley Terry's 49.76-second victory in the 400-meter dash;
- a winning performance in the 4x200-meter relay event – with a time of 1:30.97 – by the team of Terry, Derrik Radford, Fred Russell, and Michael Woods; and
- senior Fred Russell's second-place finish in the 100-meter dash.

"Some of the races were especially exciting because they were so close," Lowe explained. "In the 100-meter, for instance, Russell was only .02 seconds behind Antwan Henderson [of Stevensville's Lakeshore High School]. Terry's race was extremely close, too, with only .2 seconds separating first and third place."

According to Lowe, both McCauley and Russell received a number of invitations to higher-level competitions, but both declined to attend them because they conflicted with their June 9–12 prom/commencement weekend. These competitions included the Footlocker Nationals, held at the University of South Carolina in Spartanburg (McCauley and Russell); the Midwest Meet of Champions – sponsored by the Coaching Society of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania – held in Delaware, Ohio (McCauley and Russell); and the U.S. Track & Field Nationals, held at the University of North Texas in Denton (Russell).

Although the team is losing seniors such as Russell (who will attend the University of Michigan this fall) and McCauley (who is yet undecided about

where he will go to college), Lowe is still supremely confident about next season's performance.

"We have a number of talented young men who'll be returning next year," said Lowe. "Ashley Terry is looking forward to defending his championship at the State level, and he's not the only one with a promising future."

Other track-team members who participated in the State meet were: Alex Abdo, Caleb Beasley, Ray Graves, Fred Harbor, David Jones, Jarvis Jordan, David Moomaw, Charles Searcy, Kevin Thomas, and Eddie Woods.

The Romulus High School boys' track team and coaching staff would like to thank the following businesses for helping them raise approximately \$950 to outfit the team: Bob Evans Restaurant, Chrysler–Warren Powertrain Division, Countrywood Florist, Dave's & Company Barber Shop & Hair Salon, Denny's Restaurant, Dynasty Fashions, Grainger Co. Cleaning Supplies, Hilton Suites Hotel, Landing Strip Entertainment, Leonardo's Ristorante, Mail Boxes Etc., Prestige Carpet Cleaning Professionals, and Terry's Hair and Nails. □

RHS Track, 1999

(Note: R=Romulus; O=Opponent)

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| EMU Huron Inv. | 8th |
| UofM Wolverine Inv. | 1st |
| West Bloomfield Inv. | 4th |
| v Gibraltar Carlson | (R: 96/O: 32) |
| v Wayne Memorial | (R: 98/O: 30) |
| v Highland Park | (R: 109/O: 19) |
| v Southgate Anderson | (R: 87/O: 50) |
| v Lincoln Park | (R: 101/O: 35) |
| v Allen Park | (R: 100/O: 27) |
| v Taylor Kennedy | (R: 94/O: 34) |
| v River Rouge | (R: 127/O: 0) |
| Monroe–D.W. Relays | 2nd |
| B'ham Bro. Rice Relays | 3rd |
| News Herald Inv. | 1st |
| Mega Conference/Blue Div. | 1st |
| State Regionals | 1st |
| State Finals | 2nd |

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Owner Irene Spears (with employee Keith Shelton) says the idea behind Taco Grande's menu is simple: she serves what she, herself, likes to eat.

By Rikki Strobos

"The reason I have so many return customers?" smiled Taco Grande owner Irene Spears. "That's easy. Since I love Mexican food myself, I just cook what I like best. Everyone else seems to like it, too."

This "simple" bit of food philosophy has carried Spears far from a rather humble beginning.

"About 17 years ago, I saw a used food-trailer advertised in a newspaper," she recalled. "Even though I had absolutely no experience in the food-service business, I loved to cook, so I bought the trailer on a whim, and began selling

my favorite Mexican food at various festivals and street fairs in Detroit. It was a lot of fun right from the start."

But when Spears opened Taco Grande last January, her motives were much more serious.

"Last August, Gerald, my husband of 30 years, passed away. I knew then that I had to do something more with my life, something that would allow me to continue to support myself and also give my children a cushion to fall back on if they ever needed it," she explained. "My daughter, Tammy Wallin, is also the manager of Taco Grande, and my son,

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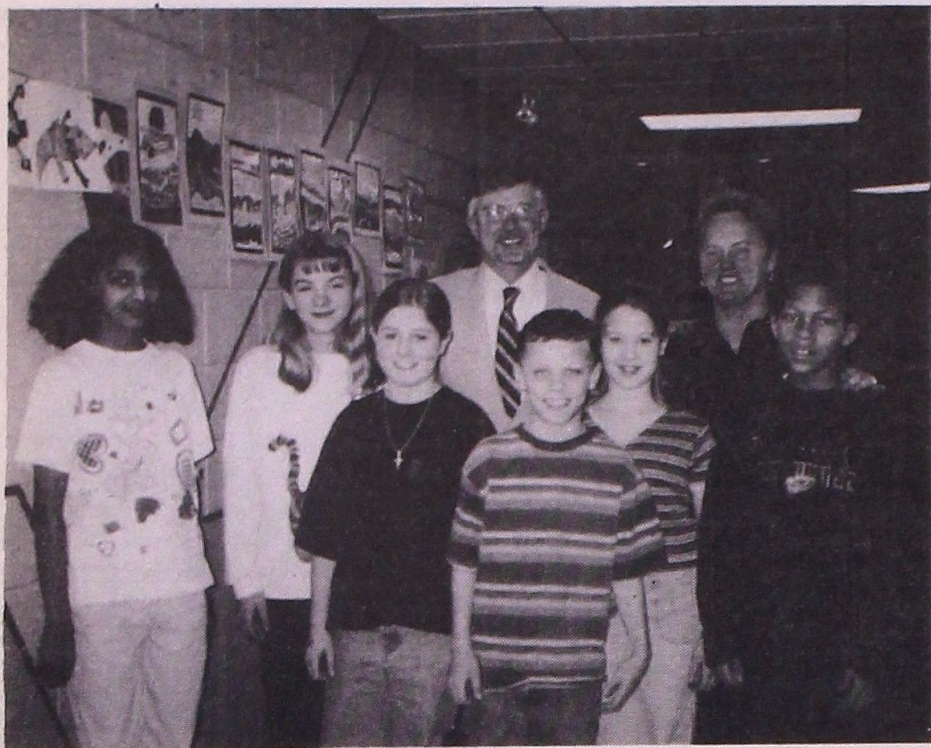
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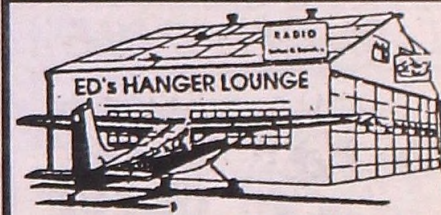
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Council: Employee of the Year



Concorde Club property supervisor Lona Council was recently named PM One's Employee of the Year for 1998.

Lona Council, property supervisor at Concorde Club in Romulus, was recently named "Employee of the Year" for 1998. Making the distinction especially significant was the fact that Council – a PM Group employee – was chosen from among more than 900 possible candidates.

It was at an employee seminar that Council first learned of her selection for the award.

"I was in total shock!" she said. "I had been hoping to be named Resident Manager of the Year, but when that award was given to someone else, I relaxed, took my shoes off, and prepared to enjoy the rest of the program."

"When the time came to announce the Employee of the Year – an even bigger honor – the emcee began by describing the winner's history with the company," she continued. "When I finally realized that the person he was talking about had to be me, I was frantic to get my shoes back on before my name was called."

Council has worked for the PM Group for more than three years. Her duties at Concorde Club include training and motivating new office managers and site managers, as well as implementing and reinforcing all corporate policies and procedures.

Council played an essential role in the \$5.5-million rebuilding of Concorde Club, which was described as a troubled property prior to its purchase by PM One. She assisted with the implementation of the "Lease Up" program, which was started before construction was completed to help keep Concorde Club's occupancy level at 100%. To this day, the property has a waiting list for occupancy.

Council's prior job experience includes being a vice-president of marketing and sales, a marketing manager, and a regional sales manager. She aspires to become a PM One Executive Staff Member and a PM Group Management Property Manager.

A resident of Lathrup Village, Council attended Western Michigan University. She enjoys football and basketball, and her love of interacting with children led her to become involved with the Board of Directors for the Detroit Center for Youth Development and the Advisory Disciplinary Board for the Police Athletic League. She has one son. □

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| Parade Departs | 6:00 p.m. | City Hall Parking Lot |

The parade will be led by the Romulus High School Boys' Track Team,
which recently finished second in the State Finals.

☆☆☆☆☆ **Sunday, July 4th** ☆☆☆☆☆

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| Men's Softball Tournament | 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Elmer Johnson Park |
| Firefighters' Waterball | Noon | Elmer Johnson Park |
| Community Picnic | Noon to Dusk | Elmer Johnson Park |
| Home Run Derby | 1:30 p.m. | Elmer Johnson Park |
| Children's Games | 4:00 p.m. | Elmer Johnson Park |
| Music and Karaoke by Willie Hester | 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Elmer Johnson Park |
| Fireworks Spectacular | 10:00 p.m. | Elmer Johnson Park |

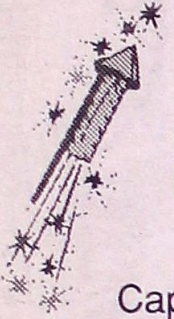
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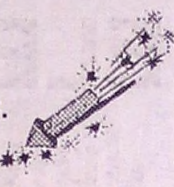


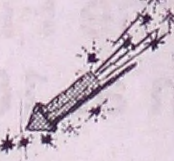



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Performing simple experiments to better understand wind were Barth first-graders (from left) Daijah Street, Briana Shreve, Travis Rister, Amberlie Taylor, Erica Hayes, and Sheila Watts.

As part of their classroom lessons on weather, Barth Elementary School's first-grade teachers, Rose Raspberry-Fisher and Deborah Street, came up with a couple of special experiments to help their students better understand the effects of wind.

Raspberry-Fisher and Street asked

students to design and construct air-sensitive models such as wind socks, streamers, whirlygigs, and parachutes, then had the children take them outdoors to see how they were affected by the wind. Students also blew soap-bubbles into the breeze and observed their direction of movement. □

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Pumpkin Festival Committee Seeks Crafters, Vendors, Entertainers

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee – already hard at work – is looking for crafters, vendors, and entertainers who would like to take part in the City's third annual Pumpkin Festival, set for Saturday, September 18, and Sunday, September 19, in the heart of downtown Romulus (Goddard Road between Romaine and Shook roads).

"Last year's street festival tripled in size and exceeded everyone's expectations, and this year promises to be even better," said the Committee's Entertainment Chairperson, Maria Lambert. "The event's growing popularity will guarantee plenty of potential customers for crafters and vendors, as well as big crowds for entertainers looking to get some public exposure."

Besides food, arts and crafts, and entertainment, the Festival will feature games, children's rides, hay

rides, and a number of contests – some of which require a little advance preparation. For instance, you'll need to start planting seeds soon if you want to try to win the "largest pumpkin" or "largest sunflower" competition; and if you'd like to be known as the City's pumpkin-seed-spitting champion, you might want to start practicing now! Other contests will include pie-baking and -eating, house-decorating, pumpkin-and hay-rolling, and more.

For more information; to become involved in the Festival Committee; to make a monetary or in-kind donation to the festival; or to obtain an application for street space or food vending (deadline: September 10), contact Lambert (734-942-7573) or Susan Watts (734-941-0476).

To volunteer your talents for the entertainment portion of the festival, call Ellen Bragg (734-942-9207). □

RHS Prom Toast



Tomeka Boles and Romulus Board of Education Trustee Eva Webb.



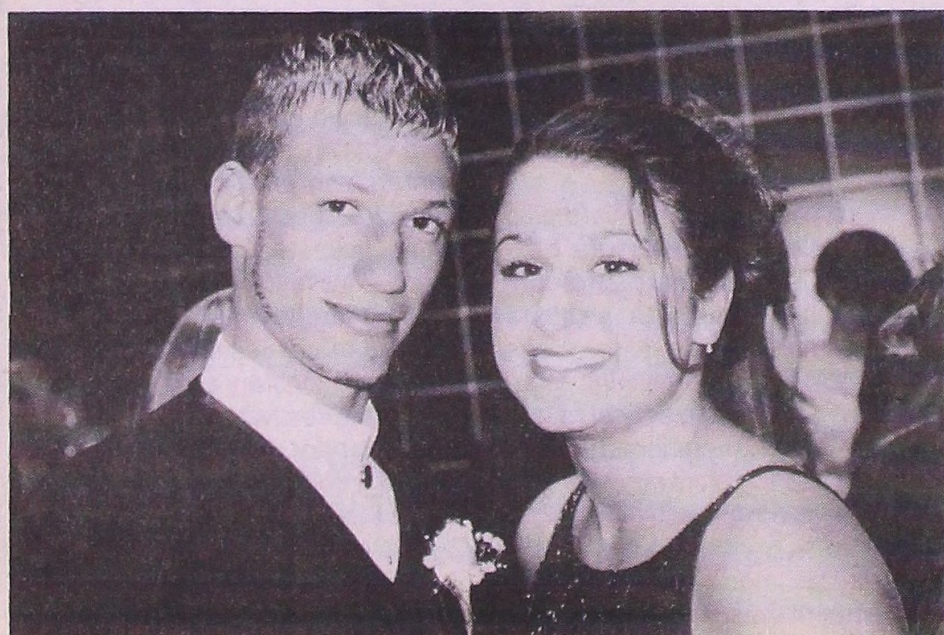
Crystal Campbell and Curtis Rucker.



Eddie Dare and Nicole Moue.



Brian Browning and Mamie Kesner.



Alex Abdo and Jackie Evans.

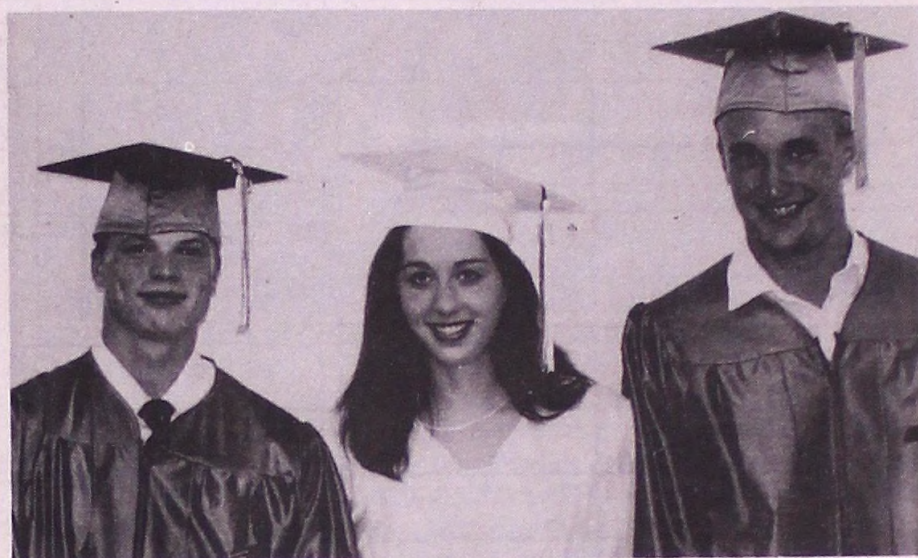


Amanda Bilbrey and Alec Hance.

Great Graduates



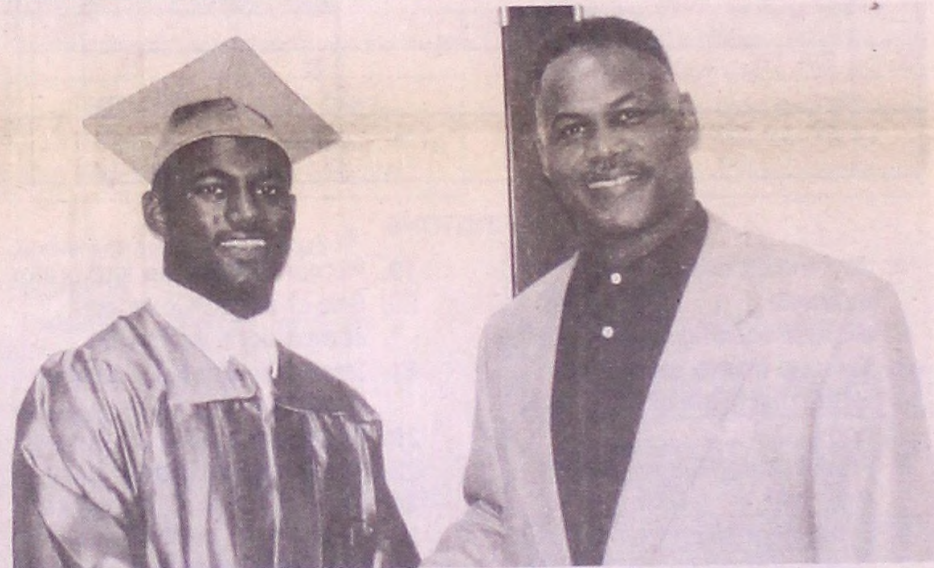
The commencement ceremony for Romulus High School's Class of 1999 was held June 12. Among those celebrating were (from left) Danielle Judy, Rachael Parker, and Ann Carter.



Among those graduating from Romulus Community High School were (from left) Richard Tripp, Jennifer Miller, and Aaron Crist.



Also celebrating their commencement were (from left) Roy Porter, Sarah Ruggirello, Tara Green, and Sarah Weinschenk.



Romulus Community Schools Secretary Michael Woods congratulated another Community High graduate, Antonio Gibson.



Among those graduating with honors were Tomeka Boles and Oliver Buffington, Jr., both of whom were recognized during the Class of 1999's Awards Night program.



Congratulating 52-year-old Brenda Brock for earning her GED were her granddaughter, Victoria Marsh (right), and friend, Kassandra Smith.

LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

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DEFINITIONS

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| 1. Joy and Obsession, for example | 19. Roman statesman and orator |
| 2. Word preceding Court or Being | 20. She changed Odysseus' companions into swine |
| 3. Take up where you left off | 21. <i>Interview with the Vampire</i> novelist |
| 4. Hindu discipline of mind and body | 22. Foams |
| 5. Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers film, <i>The _____ Divorcee</i> | 23. <i>Three Amigos</i> star |
| 6. Symbol for silver | 24. Ilk |
| 7. Stickler for traditional methods or rules | 25. Lingo |
| 8. Undress | 26. Musical instrument |
| 9. Expectorate | 27. Jason sought the Golden Fleece in this ship |
| 10. Delphi was famous for them | 28. They call the balls and strikes |
| 11. Comfort or consolation | 29. Prepares with an undercoating of paint |
| 12. Cheating dieter's dread | 30. Salon offerings |
| 13. Comparative form of good | 31. Witch's kettle |
| 14. Green _____ | 32. Forthrightness; frankness |
| 15. Bad Frog or Red Dog, for instance | 33. Decorate |
| 16. Satellite of Saturn | 34. Mental health |
| 17. Pitcher's stat. | 35. Smooth, glossy fabric |
| 18. Egyptian god | 36. 34th District Court Judge Green |

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "FREEDOM"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in FREEDOM? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

For our list of 22 words, plus the LEAPFROG solution, see page 11.

Taco Grande: Muy Delicioso!

continued from page 3

Alex Janowski – who came home from San Diego to help us get started – works in the restaurant and also keeps the books. Someday, I'll be able to pass this on to them.

"I'm not going to get rich in the restaurant business, but having a lot of money was never important to me," she continued. "I make a comfortable living doing something I enjoy very much. What more could anyone ask?"

Spears said that her predominantly carry-out restaurant offers a variety of homemade fare.

"Although we serve many of the traditional Mexican dishes, our specialty is deep-fried tacos," she said. "Everyone here loves them, including my prep cook, Tella Williams. They're by far our best seller."

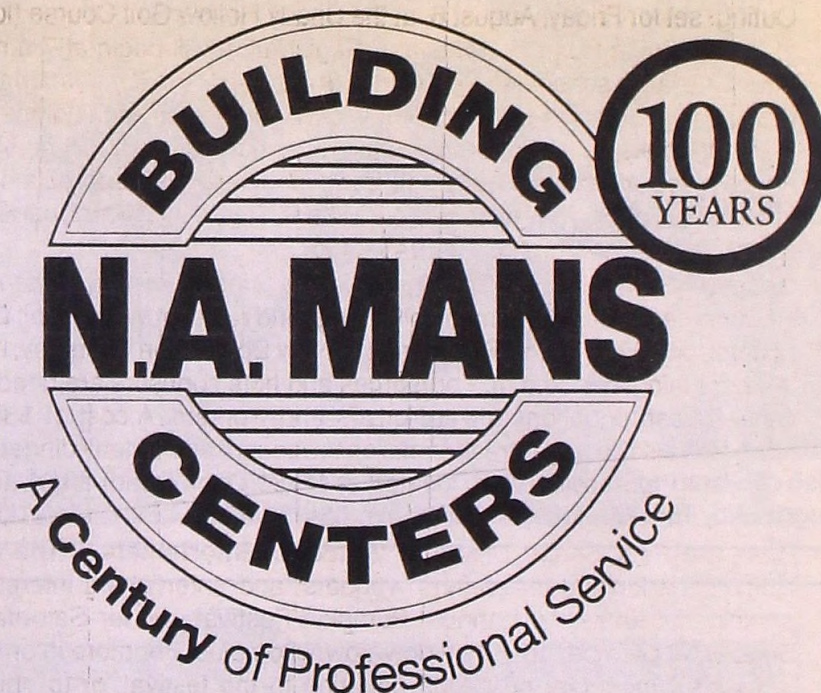
A native of Detroit, the 55-year-old Spears has resided in Huron Township for 18 years. Her familiarity with the surrounding communities is what led her to open Taco Grande here.

"A long time ago, I realized that Romulus residents had nowhere to go to get good Mexican food unless they went out of town," said Spears. "Now, such food is just a few minutes away."

"It's a good feeling, knowing that you're giving people something that they've been missing," she added. "My family and I take great pride in doing that to the best of our ability."

Taco Grande – located at 27467 Eureka Road – is open Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. (closed Sunday). For more information, call 734-229-9930. □

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Community Calendar

- **G'day for Reading** – Register now for the Library's free summer reading program for all ages. Weekly entertainment (related to this year's Australian theme) is scheduled Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 1 p.m. For more information about this or any other program at the Romulus Public Library, stop in (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) or call (734-942-7589) during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **"Well" Public Hearing** – The Task Force on Commercial Hazardous Waste Disposal Wells, chaired by Representative Raymond Basham (D-Taylor), will hold its next public hearing at Livonia City Hall (located at 33000 Civic Center Drive) on Thursday, June 24, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Basham at 517-373-0852.
- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 40 (channel 12 for those who have already made the switch to broadband) beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 8. Special guests for the evening will be representatives from MediaOne, who will be on hand to discuss broadband and its related services. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall by 6:15 p.m. Home viewers can call 734-942-7571 to ask questions of the Mayor and guests after 6 p.m.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on July 21) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Romulus Police Host Charity Golf Outing** – The Romulus Police Officers Association is inviting the public to participate in its first annual Charity Golf Outing, set for Friday, August 6, at the Shady Hollow Golf Course (located at 34777 Smith Road in Romulus). Registration will begin at 7 a.m.; the shotgun start is scheduled for 8 a.m. A \$65-per-person donation (payment due by July 6) covers 18 holes of golf, cart, shirt, lunch, steak dinner, beer and soft drinks, and door prizes. Other donations of cash, gift certificates (to be used for prizes), and golf equipment are also appreciated. For information, please call either Officer Mike St. Andre or Officer Duane Smith at the Police Department (734-941-8400).
- **Chamber Hosts Benefit Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf outing/fund raiser at Willow Golf Course (located at 22900 Huron River Drive in New Boston) on Thursday, August 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Foursomes and hole sponsors are needed, as well as cash donations toward prizes and workers. A cost of \$380 per foursome also covers refreshments on the course and a steak dinner (at the Romulus Progressive Club, located at 11580 Ozga Road) afterward. For more information, call the Chamber office (734-326-4290) before June 30.
- **Pumpkin Fest Seeks Crafters, Vendors, Entertainers** – The City of Romulus is looking for crafters, vendors, and entertainers interested in participating in its third annual Pumpkin Festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, September 18–19, in downtown Romulus. For more information; to make a monetary or in-kind donation to the festival; or to obtain an application for street space or food vending (deadline: September 10), contact Susan Watts (734-941-0476) or Maria Lambert (734-942-7543). To volunteer your talents for the entertainment portion of the festival, call Ellen Bragg (734-942-9207).
- **Boys & Girls Clubs Host Orientation Meetings** – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Romulus Club, invites prospective members (ages six to 18) to attend one of its new-member orientation meetings, held at Merriman Elementary School (15303 Merriman Road) each Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m. The Club's annual membership fee is \$25; proof of age must be provided at the time of registration. Club hours are Tuesday through Friday from after school until 8:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-5839.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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RHS Student Symposium Focused on the Importance of Helping Others



Among the distinguished guests at Romulus High School's sixth annual Student Symposium, "Moving Beyond Ourselves: Giving Back to the Community," were (from left) Florence Klein, founder and director of the Helping Hand Thrift Shop; Kathleen Straus, Vice-president, State of Michigan Board of Education; and Phyllis Bolus, Helping Hand volunteer. Topics covered included the dangers of smoking, needy families, homelessness, animal abuse, and disabled children.

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Answers to puzzles from page 10

LEAPFROG

- 1) perfumes; 2) Supreme; 3) resume
- 4) Yoga; 5) Gay; 6) Ag
- 7) purist; 8) strip; 9) spit
- 10) oracles; 11) solace; 12) scale
- 13) better; 14) beret; 15) beer
- 16) Rhea; 17) ERA; 18) Ra
- 19) Cicero; 20) Circe; 21) Rice
- 22) froths; 23) Short; 24) sort
- 25) jargon; 26) organ; 27) Argo
- 28) umpires; 29) primes; 30) perms
- 31) caldron; 32) candor; 33) adorn
- 34) sanity; 35) satin; 36) Tina

"Fourth of July / pyrotechnics"

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "FREEDOM":

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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Recreation office (36515 Bibbins) or call 734-942-6852.

Junior Golf Clinic

Young people looking for an introduction to the game of golf will enjoy PGA professional Curtis George's one-day clinic on etiquette, putting, chipping, and driving. Participants can choose to attend either the June 19 or June 26 session; each will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$35 per golfer; balls and certificates of completion are included in the price. To make your reservation, or for more information, call the Woodlands at 734-729-3812.

Junior Golf Camp

Woodlands Golf Course will be conducting a junior golf camp from 9 a.m. to noon June 21-24. Cost is \$75 per golfer (includes a free driver on the completion of the camp, a green-fee voucher, a graduation certificate, and a goodie bag). To make your reservation, or for more information about the camp, call the Woodlands at 734-729-3812.

Golf Lessons

Group golf lessons will be offered at Woodlands Golf Course according to the following rates:

- group of five - \$70 per person for five one-hour lessons),
- group of three or four - \$80 for four 50-minute lessons.

Note: Price does not include golf balls.

To schedule a lesson time, call Woodlands at 734-729-3812.

Summer Recreation Elementary Program

The popular Romulus Recreation Summer Program for elementary-age boys and girls - set to begin June 28 and continue through August 13 - will be conducted at the following sites:

- Burton Building (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday),
- Barth Elementary School (noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday),
- Cory Elementary School (limited to the first 75 to register; noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday),
- Halecreek Elementary School (noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday),

- Wick Elementary School (noon to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Parents must provide transportation to and from the program site.

In addition to the program's regular recreation activities, a number of special events will be scheduled to educate children about proper behavior and the dangers of alcohol- and drug-abuse. These programs are put on by trained professionals who serve the Romulus community.

The cost of the seven-week program is only \$25 per child; family discounts (\$45 for two children or \$60 for three or more; proof of residence must be shown) are available.

(Small) additional fees will be charged for optional "special trips" (to waterparks, picnics, etc.) that are scheduled for various Fridays throughout the program.

Those who wish to preregister for the summer program may do so at the Romulus Recreation building until June 28; thereafter (until July 23), registrations will be accepted at the individual program sites.

Middle-school Program

Students in grades seven to 10 (as of September 1999) are eligible to take part in the Recreation Department's Summer Program for Middle School students, set to begin June 28 and continue through August 13.

Students who need transportation to the Middle School program site will be picked up at the following locations/times:

Trip One

- Halecreek School (10:15 a.m.),
- Merriman School (10:20 a.m.),
- Recreation Building (10:30 a.m.),

Trip Two

- Park #1 (10:45 a.m.),
- Coleman Center (10:50 a.m.),
- Cory School (10:55 a.m.),
- Romulus City Drugs (11 a.m.),

Drop-offs will be at the same locations after 4 p.m. (program's completion time).

For information on the program's costs and registration, see the section on the elementary-age program (above).

Information regarding "special trips" is similar, as well.

Summer Karate

Ages six and up are invited to sign up for the Romulus Recreation Department's summer karate classes, which will be held at the Recreation building each Thursday from June 24 through August 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. (beginners) and 7 to 8 p.m. (advanced). Cost is \$12 for one person; \$20 for two family members; or \$35 for the family plan. Advance registration is required. □

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 24, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 24, 1999, was called to order by President Howard J. Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/99/11 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

5/99/12 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert that the Board approve the Minutes of May 10, 1999, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following Personnel Actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Paul Miller, High School, Language Arts, Effective September 1, 1999; Christopher Parker, Middle School, Social Studies, Effective September 1, 1999; Kevin Murphy, Physical Education, Elementary Schools, Effective September 1, 1999; Christine Rainey, Instrumental Music, Elementary Schools, Effective September 1, 1999; Steven Musto, High School, Social Studies, Effective September 1, 1999; Molly Schmidt, High School, Language Arts, Effective September 1, 1999; and Lisabeth Mikolajczyk, High School, Social Studies, Effective September 1, 1999.

5/99/13 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board approve the Personnel Actions as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

5/99/14 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Police Mentoring Program

Lieutenant Rafalski and representatives of the Romulus Police Department presented their plans to start a mentoring program for students in Romulus in conjunction with Eastern Michigan University. Lieutenant Rafalski responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

Report on Trip to France

Ms. Rosa Russenberger, Romulus High School French teacher, was present with two of her students to report on their trip to France.

Middle School Summer Science

5/99/15 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and approve the School District's participation in the Math/Science Summer Program outlined in the attached information. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/99/16 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to provide transportation for students who participate in the Math/Science Summer Program for field trips. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Summer Millage Levy

5/99/17 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education adopt the following levy for the 1999 Summer Tax Collection:

ALL PROPERTY: 2.73 mills Debt; 3.00 mills State Tax.

HOMESTEAD: 7.41 mills Hold Harmless.

NON-HOMESTEAD: 18.00 mills Local Operation.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Credit Cards - Approval

This item was withdrawn.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience were present and voiced their concerns as they relate to the operation of the School District to members of the Board of Education and administration.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) NSBA - District Recognition; 2) "Thanks" - Metro Town Hall; 3) MEA Ad - Negotiations; and 4) Transportation Letter of "Thanks" - Taylor Schools.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Dick discussed the athletic eligibility policy.

Executive Session - Negotiations

5/99/18 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:32 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/99/19 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

SUMPTER COUNTRY FEST, 1999

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

4:00 p – 12:00 a Carnival
 4:00 p – Close Arcade
 6:00 p – 12:00 a Music
 6:30 p – 8:00 p VIP Dinner
 7:00 p Animal Magic Act
 8:00 p – 9:00 p Princess Pageant

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THURSDAY, JULY 1

4:00 p – 10:00 p Cutest Baby Contest
 4:00 p – 10:00 p Carnival/Pay One Price (\$8 w/coupon)
 4:00 p – Close Arcade
 4:00 p – Close Vendor and Craft Booths
 6:00 p – 10:30 p Silent Auction
 6:00 p – 2:00 a Millionaire Party
 7:00 p Animal Magic Show

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FRIDAY, JULY 2

10:00 a – 6:00 p Boshell and Szkipala (chain-saw artists)
 12:00 p – 10:00 p Cutest Baby Contest
 12:00 p – Close Carnival
 12:00 p – Close Arcade
 12:00 p – Close Vendor and Craft Booths
 1:00 p – 7:00 p Parks and Recreation BBQ Dinners
 4:00 p Jonathon Park (juggler)
 4:00 p – 7:00 p Cedar Creek Band
 5:00 p Bubble-gum Blowing Contest
 6:00 p Jonathon Park (juggler)
 6:00 p – 10:30 p Silent Auction
 6:00 p – 2:00 a Millionaire Party
 7:00 p Animal Magic Show
 8:00 p Jonathon Park (juggler)
 8:00 p Figure-8 Races
 8:00 p – Close Outer Limits Band

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SATURDAY, JULY 3

8:00 a – 11:00 a Senior Pancake Breakfast
 10:00 a – 6:00 p Boshell and Szkipala (chain-saw artists)
 11:00 a Parade (begins at Judd & Sumpter rds.)
 11:00 a – 3:00 p PAWS (Tiger mascot)
 12:00 p Winner Announced – Parade
 12:00 p – 10:00 p Cutest Baby Contest
 12:00 p – 10:30 p Silent Auction
 12:00 p – 2:00 a Millionaire Party
 12:00 p – Close Carnival
 12:00 p – Close Arcade
 12:00 p – Close Vendor and Craft Booths
 1:00 p – 6:00 p Parks and Recreation BBQ Dinners
 1:30 p – 2:30 p Sugar-cookie Decorating (free for kids)
 2:00 p – 6:00 p Great Lakes Barrel Racing (open entry)
 3:00 p – 4:00 p Entries Accepted for Baking Contest
 (sponsored by Pioneer Sugar)
 4:00 p Scorpio & Fantasy Magic Show
 5:00 p Judging for Baking Contest
 (sponsored by Pioneer Sugar)
 7:00 p Scorpio & Fantasy Magic Show
 7:30 p – 9:30 p Donkey Races
 8:30 p Manda Lynn – Country Singer
 9:00 p – Close Cross Country Band

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SUNDAY, JULY 4

10:00 a – 6:00 p Boshell and Szkipala (chain-saw artists)
 12:00 p – 3:00 p Hot Rod Car Show
 12:00 p – 4:00 p Cutest Baby Contest
 12:00 p – 10:30 p Silent Auction
 12:00 p – Close Carnival
 12:00 p – Close Arcade
 12:00 p – Close Vendor and Craft Booths
 12:00 p – Close Millionaire Party
 1:00 p – 6:00 p Parks and Recreation BBQ Dinners
 2:00 p Hula Hoop Contest (all ages)
 2:00 p Jonathon Park (juggler)
 3:00 p – 7:00 p Sherman Arnold – "Tribute to Elvis"
 4:00 p Jonathon Park (juggler)
 5:00 p Scorpio & Fantasy Magic Show
 6:00 p Jonathon Park (juggler)
 7:00 p Chain-saw Carving Raffle Drawing
 7:00 p Winner Announced – Cutest Baby
 7:00 p Demolition Derby
 8:00 p The Shivers Oldies Show
 8:00 p Scorpio & Fantasy Magic Show
 Dusk 3D Fireworks (specs sold at T-shirt booth)

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Live Music Puts the Country in Sumpter's Annual Festival

Helping to put the "country" into the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Department's "Sumpter Country Fest" – set for Wednesday, June 30, through Sunday, July 4 – will be the beautiful Manda Lynn.

For the past seven years, the talented young entertainer from King City, Missouri, has been entertaining audiences from Las Vegas to Branson to Nashville, and her vocals, energy, and showmanship have drawn rave reviews everywhere.

Manda Lynn's show – which features '50s and '60s music as well as a blend of country music's current hits and classics of yesteryear – can be seen during her free Country Fest concert, which will be performed on Saturday, July 3, at 8:30 p.m.

Joining Manda for the evening will be the Cross Country Band, a local group that hails from Monroe. Voted the number-one band in their region by Young Country Radio, the eight-man ensemble draws on its members' diverse music backgrounds to forge a unique country sound.

Other live entertainment will be provided by local favorite Sherman Arnold, as well as the Cedar Creek Band and the Outer Limits Band.



Manda Lynn

Of course, the Festival also will feature attractions such as carnival rides and games, contests, magic shows, a silent auction, "millionaire parties," demonstrations (such as the ones put on by "chain-saw artists" Ken Boshell and Emil Szkipala), and lots of places to buy food and refreshments, including a beer tent.

For further details about the Sumpter Country Fest, see the advertisement below and the schedule at left, or call the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Department (734-461-6201). □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Sign Up for Senior Olympics

Romulus seniors are urged to represent their home town and show off their skills at the 14th annual Downriver Senior Olympics, which will be hosted by the City of Flat Rock's Department of Parks and Recreation some time in August (call the Romulus Senior Center for specific dates).

Seniors can register for one or more of the following events: swimming, shuffleboard, bocci ball, bowling, golf scramble, tennis, ping-pong, volleyball, basketball shoot, softball throw, horseshoes, ring toss, frisbee toss, darts, billiards, euchre, pinochle, and bridge.

A banquet – open to Senior Olympics entrants and their friends – will wrap up the event.

To participate, seniors must register at the Romulus Senior Center no later than Wednesday, June 30. For information regarding scheduling, costs, etc., contact the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

(Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Windsor Raceway**
(June 25; \$21),
- **African Lion Safari (Cambridge, Ontario)**
(July 23; \$59),
- **The True North (Ontario, Canada)**
(August 15–22; \$699),
- **Uncle Tom's Cabin (Dresden, Ontario)**
(September 15; \$50),
- **Branson & Eureka Springs**
(September 19–25; \$699),
- **"Mystery Tour"**
(October 5; \$55), and
- **Biloxi, Mississippi & New Orleans**
(November 7–13; \$499).

Hooked on Fishing?

The Romulus Senior Center is trying to lure local seniors into taking a trip to Dexter's Trout Farm for fishing and a picnic on Wednesday, June 23, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$12.50. Sign up at the Center if you would like to participate.

Intergenerational Group To Tour State Capitol Building

On Monday, June 28, leadership students from the classroom of Romulus Middle Teacher Betty Santowill travel to Lansing with folks from the Romulus Senior Center for a tour of the Capitol Building and Historic Museum. Boxed lunches will be available at a cost of \$5.25 each. Space is limited, so early sign-up is recommended.

Tour of K-9 Academy

On Wednesday, June 30, Community Police/Crime Watch Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be taking senior citizens on a tour of the local K-9 (police dog) training academy. Sign up at the Center if you would like to participate.

Crime Watch

Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. As usual, safety tips and other crucial information will be discussed. New members are always welcome.

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the winter months.

Exercise/Toning

The Senior Center invites you to drop in at any of its free toning/stretching/aerobic exercise classes, which are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before. Call 942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours. □

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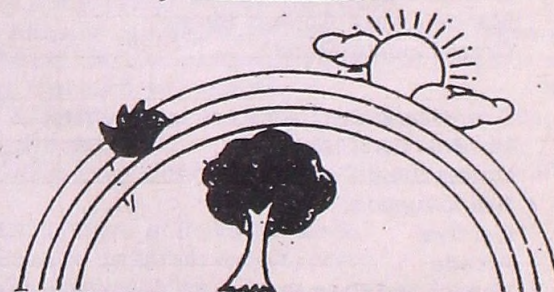
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ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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of Romulus

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The Stork Arrived

Sydney Brice Wade

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Sydney Brice Wade, are Lonnie and Brenda Wade of Romulus, Michigan.

Sydney was born in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center (Wayne, MI) at 12:55 a.m. on Monday, May 17, 1999, weighing in at eight pounds, six ounces, and measuring 21 inches in length.

Especially excited about Sydney's arrival was her big sister, Brenna Storm Wade.

Sydney's paternal grandparents are Daniel C. Wade (Belleville, MI) and Kathy Wade (Belleville, MI).

Harold E. Roberts (Roscommon, MI) and Anna Roberts (Belleville, MI) are her maternal grandparents. □



Sydney Brice Wade

Dadreeon Elijah Underwood

Norman and Patricia Underwood of Inkster, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Dadreeon Elijah Underwood.

Born in Henry Ford Hospital (Wyandotte, MI) at 2:09 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 1999, Dadreeon weighed in at six pounds, 10 ounces, and measured 19 inches in length. The Underwood family would like to extend its sincere thanks to doctor and staff for taking such good care of both mother and baby.

Dadreeon's paternal grandparents are Barbara and the late Joe Underwood (Romulus, MI).

The late Mr. and Mrs. Miller (formerly of Inkster, MI) are his maternal grandparents. □



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